

Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

In the Archdiocese of Birmingham Sunday Mass Time 9.30 am.

17th March 2019 – 2nd Sunday of Lent – Year C

“Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness and was tempted there.”

Pope’s Prayer Intention: That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

Father Frank: *Today in the Gospel we hear how the apostles Peter, James and John were given a glimpse of Christ’s glory on the Mount of the Transfiguration - the same glimpse of glory that we are all given when we gather for the Mass, for in and through the sacred mysteries of the Eucharist we ascend to the heavenly places where, with Angels and Archangels and all the host of heaven, we worship the Beloved Son of God who sits at the right hand of the Father. God, the Holy Spirit, gathers us into the cloud of his glory. We listen to him in the scriptures. We feed on him in the Sacrament of the altar. No wonder the disciples ‘kept silence.’ “Master, it is wonderful for us to be here.”*

Collection 10th March: Loose plate £83.00, envelopes £94.00, standing orders £390.00, Total £567.00.

Devotions in Lent: Every Tuesday in Lent, after the morning Mass, there will be an opportunity to pray the Stations of the Cross. On Thursday evenings of Lent, after Mass, there will be Meditations on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary, together with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to join in these devotions.

Baptism: Please pray for Ewan Joseph Thomas Hocking who will be baptised this Saturday at 1.00pm and pray for his parents, godparents, family and friends.

Lenten Breakfasts: The next Churches Together breakfast and talk is on Saturday 23rd March at 8.30am in the Methodist Church. The ‘Big Question’ this week is ‘Where does morality come from?’. The speaker, Dr Steve Wigmore, is an Anglican Christian with a keen interest in how history, theology, ethics, politics and culture combine to create the world we live in. It is our turn to prepare the breakfast - please let Louise/John or Godfrey/Linda know if you can help. Thank you.

Coffee Evening: A Coffee Evening will take place in our church hall on Wednesday 27th March to raise funds for the four young people who will be joining Group 83 (HCPT) this Easter. There will be various stalls: “Gifts for All”, Easter cards, cakes, preserves, books, tombola & raffle. Gifts for any of the stalls will be very much appreciated. These may be handed in to Maureen Carroll before the evening, please.

Volunteers’ Open Evening: Tabor House, Birmingham’s only permanent night shelter, is looking for volunteers to help, especially overnight and mentors. To find out more, come along to the Open Evening on Wednesday 20th March 2019, 6pm - 8pm at St Anne’s Training Room, 96 Bradford Street, Birmingham, B12 0PY. For more information, contact Sharon McCall on 07387 418319.

Blessed Dominic Barbieri: The annual Diocesan Novena of Prayer for the Cause of the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barbieri begins on Wednesday 20 March and concludes on Friday 29 March. We are invited to join this prayer:

Oh God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request. We pray that you will, in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and come to invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Mother of Holy Hope, pray for us.

Blessed Dominic Barbieri, pray for us.

Blessed John Henry Newman, pray for us.

25th Anniversary of our Church: As part of our celebrations to mark the 25th anniversary of the construction of our church, we are considering commissioning a new stained-glass window for the small window at the back of church. We have two painted glass windows on either side of the altar representing Baptism and Confirmation; the new window would represent The Eucharist. The estimated cost is around £2,500. We will be approaching Catholic businesses in the area to ask for donations but would also like to offer members of the parish the option to pledge money, either on their own behalf or to remember a loved one. All pledges will be remembered on a plaque next to the new window. Ian and Ellie Clarke will be

available after Mass if you would like to know more or wish to pledge money. Thank you to everyone who has already pledged money, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Job vacancy: The Archdiocese has a vacancy for a Senior Administrative Assistant/Personal Assistant to the Vicar General. Details are available on the noticeboard.

Parish Room: MUST be booked with Louise Perry – Tel.: 01676 533357.

Your prayers are asked for those who are sick and their carers: Lily Mae Carr, Joseph Lockington, Katya O'Donnell, Consuelo Ramon, Anne Santos, Andrew Burton, Darragh Sheehan, Barry Holmes.

Anniversaries: Marjorie Fullbrook, Sean Collins, Tom Murray, Alex Abell, Thomas Murray, Leon Cheshire, Timothy O'Sullivan.

This Week's Liturgy and Rota Arrangements

Date & Time:	Sunday 17 th March– 9.30am	Sunday 24 th March– 9.30am
Day:	Second Sunday of Lent	Third Sunday of Lent
Celebrant:	Father Frank	Father Frank
Intention:	Joe & Maureen Martin (RIP)	Norah Flynn (RIP)
Altar Servers:	James	Daniel, Jacob, Laura
Wardens:	Ciaran McSorley, Celine Burley & John McLellan	Godfrey Cheshire, Monica Green & Ann Crossley
Readers:	John Peat & Bysshe Gibbs	Godfrey Cheshire & Dominic O'Brien
Eucharistic Ministers:	Michael Fairbrother, Monica Green & Stefan Hunka	Carol Beck, Teresa Green & John McLellan
Counting:	Devoy Family	Dave & Aislinn Cant
Tea & Coffee:	Bysshe & Judith Gibbs	Ann Stewart and Val Timms
Cleaning:	Chris Mitchell & Eileen Selby	Chris Lynn & Irene Gibbons
Flowers:	Lent – No Flowers	Lent – No Flowers
Children's Liturgy:	Louise Perry & Monica Green	Sara Stevens & Jane Devoy
Music:	Ian & Ellie Clarke	Linda Cheshire

Mass Times this week

Date:	Tuesday 19 th March	Wednesday 20 th March	Thursday 21 st March
Time:	10.00 am	10.00 am	7.00 pm
Intention:	Solemnity of St Joseph Marjorie Morson (RIP) <i>Followed by Stations of the Cross</i>	Natalie Hooper (RIP)	Matthew Stapleton (RIP) <i>Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, meditations and silent prayer until Benediction at 8 pm</i>

Priest: Revd. Father Frank Smith. Tel: 07512 100908 Email: parishpriest@brgparish.org.uk

The parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, Registered Charity No. 234216.

Parish website: www.brgparish.org.uk

Warwick Catholic Deanery website: www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk

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Contributions for the Bulletin: Please email items for the weekly bulletin to Ellie Clarke by **7.00 pm Wednesday** at iehclarke@btinternet.com.